

**REMARKS**

Claims 1, 5-14, and 18-30 are pending in this application. Claims 5, 12, and 13 are amended hereby, and claim 16 is canceled.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge that the Office Action indicates that all of the claims, except for claim 16, include allowable subject matter.

I. **Claim 13 Satisfies All Requirements**

The Office Action objects to claim 13 because of an informality. Claim 13 is amended according to the Examiner's suggestion to obviate the objection.

II. **Claim 5 Satisfies the Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. §112**

The Office Action rejects claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112. Claim 5 is amended to obviate the rejection. A withdrawal of the rejection of claim 5 is respectfully requested.

III. **Prior Art Rejection**

The Office Action rejects claim 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103. Claim 16 is canceled and thus obviates this rejection.

IV. **Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 5-14 and 18-30 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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